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From: McGrath, Shaun [McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/16/2014 3:56:52 AM
To: Smith, Paula [Smith.Paula@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Heads up-Proposal to reduce/limit radon emissions from uranium mill tailings

Thx

From: Smith, Paula
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 6:23:35 PM
To: Millett, John
Cc: Mylott, Richard; McMichael, Nate; Cantor, Howard; McGrath, Shaun
Subject: RE: Heads up-Proposal to reduce/limit radon emissions from uranium mill tailings

Thanks John!

- Paula

From: Millett, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 5:16 PM
To: Smith, Paula
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Yes, we can get you materials tomorrow.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Smith, Paula
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 6:40 PM
To: Millett, John
Cc: Mylott, Richard
Subject: FW: Heads up-Proposal to reduce/limit radon emissions from uranium mill tailings

John- Do you know if any talking points have been developed around this release? Or who I might talk to learn more? Any help you can lend is appreciated.

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From: Johnston, Khanna
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:39 PM
To: Curry, Ron; Brooks, Karl; McGrath, Shaun

Cc: Regional Administrators; DRA; Gray, David; Carey, Curtis; Smith, Paula

Subject: Heads up-Proposal to reduce/limit radon emissions from uranium mill tailings

Good Afternoon Ron, Karl, Shaun-

Heads up for you-and PADs so they can anticipate questions or asks-you may have if needed.

PER ADMINISTRATOR's REPORT---OAR will be releasing/signing a revision to propose Limiting Radon Emissions from Uranium Mill Tailings to an existing Hazardous Air Pollutants Rule either tonight or tomorrow. OAR anticipates industry to challenge the rule.

There are 12 existing facilities that are currently operating at a technology-based standard. Air program indicated states/tribes will generally be supportive (**YES**), industry opposed (**YES, may challenge the portions of the rule**), environs in favor (**likely express frustration that the timeline the EPA used did not result in a new form of the standard and that the Agency is proposing a technology-based standard.**)

Where are the 12 facilities located (city, state)?

White Mesa Mill, Blanding, UT

Shootaring Canyon, Ticaboo, UT

Sweetwater Mill, Rawlins, WY

Alta Mesa, Brooks County TX

Crow Butte, Dawes County, NE

Hobson/La Palangana, South TX

Willow Creek, Christensen, WY

Smith Ranch, Converse County, WY

Uranium One, Luderman, WY

Lost Creek, Lost Creek, NE

Cameco, Marsland, NE

Powertech, Dewey Burdock, SD

Does my office need to give any of the Regional Administrators a heads up to be prepared for any pushback/negative comments once the proposal is released? **We anticipate industry challenge on this rule. Regions 6, 7 and 8 are most impacted by this proposed rule and may receive initial negative statements, however, expect a more unified response from National Mining Association.**

Thank you,
khanna

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